

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 667

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mayor Larry Waters upon receiving the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Sevier County Citizenship Award.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to recognize those public servants who, throughout their careers, have dedicated themselves to the pursuit of excellence while endeavoring to improve the lives of those in their communities and in this State; and

WHEREAS, Larry Waters, long-serving county mayor of Sevier County, is one such public servant, who will receive the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Sevier County Citizenship Award from the Senior Citizens Home Assistance Service, Inc., in a ceremony to be held at the Dream More Resort on March 29, 2018; and

WHEREAS, born and raised in Sevier County, Mr. Waters is a graduate of Sevier County High School and the University of Tennessee, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration in 1974; ten years later, he completed the Tennessee County Officials Certificate Program; and

WHEREAS, Larry Waters has served the good people of Sevier County since 1978, when he was elected as county executive; the title was changed to county mayor in 2003; and

WHEREAS, a member of Leadership Sevier and Leadership Knoxville, Mr. Waters serves on the board of the Tennessee County Mayor Association, Tennessee Air Pollution Control, Carson-Newman University, the East Tennessee Economic Development Agency, and the United Way of Sevier County campaign; he is chair of the Tennessee Development District Association, treasurer of the Sevier County Economic Development Council, and executive committee member of the East Tennessee Development District and the East Tennessee Human Resources Agency; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and awards, Mr. Waters received a special citation from the Veterans of Foreign Wars; he is a recipient of the 2003 Pless R. Newman Republican Services Award, the 2010 Robert M. Wormsley Outstanding County Official of the Year Award, and the 2013 Boy Scouts Sequoyah District Great Smoky Mountain Council Good Scout Award. He was named a University of Tennessee Outstanding Alumnus and an East Tennessee State University Honorary Alumnus; and

WHEREAS, Larry Waters exhibits his devout religious faith as a member of First Baptist Church of Gatlinburg, which he serves as a deacon; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, Mr. Waters is grateful for the love and support he shares with his wife, Terri; his children, David Waters and Adrienne Ogle; and his grandchildren, Caden Waters, Camilla Waters, Charlotte Ogle, and Amelia Ogle; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Larry Waters is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Mayor Larry Waters upon his receipt of the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Sevier County Citizenship Award and extend to him our best wishes for every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.